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Rev. Amos A. Phelps,

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J. W. Cross.

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(Dear Brother,

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The funds, to which allusion was made at Lowell, are at present to me wholly unavailable. They are now, I regret to say, in the hands of a man, of whose solvency there is much doubt. For security, I have a note, payable in two years, covered by a Mortgage on Real estate. By the terms of the note, I had a right to expect the interest annually; but one year of the time expired last December, and to the present moment, I have not received a Cent of the interest. Nor is this the most unpleasant part of the story. There is ground for apprehensions, that as much difficulty will be experienced in the procuring of the payment of the principal, as the interest.

I have not a dollar in my possession at the present time, nor do I know a source, whence I may expect a hundred dollars before Autumn. I sympathize with you, Dear Brother, and the declaration is something more than an idle word, that were it in my power, I would cheerfully accommodate you. But I have no means of doing it, unless I borrow the money, which I feel reluctant to do and which probably you do not desire. You manifest a willingness to enter the Ministry again. I wish you might be a Member of our Association. Gitchburg is destitute of an Evan. Con. Minister, and it would be exceedingly pleasant to me, (and I doubt not to the Brethren in the Asso.) should you in the Providence of God be called to the pastoral charge of the Ch. of Christ in that place. Bro. Stone of Yarmouth is ~~now~~ unable to preach & the conjecture is, that he never will preach again. It is my private opinion also, that Bro. Davenport of Bolton will not long remain there, and should you feel any inclination to settle in either of these places, you might confidently rely upon my feeble influence for the accomplishment of your wishes.

With fervent desires for your comfort, prosperity & usefulness in the cause of Christ and the poor slave, I remain

Your sincere friend & brother, Jos. Wm. Cross.